

## **Klamath River TMDL Stakeholder Involvement Strategy**

**Purpose:** This strategy outlines the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) TMDL Development Unit's approach to engaging stakeholders in the development of the Klamath River TMDLs.

The term "stakeholders" includes community members, agencies, tribes, environmental groups, community and business organizations, landowners, and others with interest in the Klamath River TMDLs.

Means of stakeholder engagement include: 1) meetings with focus groups, 2) public TMDL update meetings, 3) Klamath Basin TMDL web page, 4) email and/or US mail notifications, and 5) correspondence with media.

### **Meetings and coordination with focus groups**

Purposes:

- To provide information about TMDL development process, status, approach, and results.
- To understand stakeholder concerns.
- To respond to questions and concerns.

Focus groups include:

- Klamath Water Users Association
- PacifiCorp
- Klamath Coalition
- Karuk, Quartz Valley, Yurok, Resighini, and Hoopa Tribes: Regional Water Board will participate in quarterly meetings with tribes and EPA, in accordance with EPA's tribal trust responsibilities.
- California State agencies – Regional Water Board will continue quarterly meetings with Department of Fish and Game, Department of Water Resources, and the State Water Resources Control Board (the Klamath Coordination Group). Regional Water Board will initiate meeting with Department of Forestry.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries: Pursuant to Section 7 of the Environmental Species Act, US EPA is required to consult with US Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries. Regional Water Board will participate with EPA's consultation with these agencies regarding the Klamath River TMDLs.
- Federal Resources Agencies: US Forest Service and US Bureau of Land Management
- Klamath Compact Commission
- Klamath Working Group
- Legislative representatives
- Any other party with interest

### Public TMDL update meetings

#### Purposes:

- To provide status updates at key TMDL development points, such as 1) after data analysis and model selection, 2) after model development and scenario runs, and 3) after completion of public draft TMDL document.
- To respond to questions and concerns.

#### Meetings:

- Public meetings to be held separately in Klamath Falls, Yreka, and Eureka.
- Siskiyou, Humboldt, and Del Norte County Board of Supervisors
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Klamath Basin TMDL Web Page

#### Purposes:

- To present information on 1) TMDL development approach, schedule, and status, 2) public meeting schedule, 3) stakeholder involvement, and 4) contacts.
- To post public review documents.

View the Klamath Basin TMDL web page at:

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb1/programs/tmdl/Status.html>.

### Email and/or US Mail Correspondence

#### Purpose:

- To notify interested parties of upcoming meetings and availability of public review documents.

Regional Water Board staff will develop a Klamath and Lost River TMDLs interested parties list. Those parties with web access will be notified by email. Those without web access will be notified by US mail.

### Media

#### Purposes:

- To notify the public of upcoming meetings and availability of public review documents.
- To share information about TMDL development.

Regional Water Board staff will notice public meetings and availability of public review documents in local newspapers. In addition, staff is available for interviews by the media.

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